GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1434
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
EXPORT OF RICE AND WHEAT
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated chambers of Commerce and Industry has requested Government togrant permission to the private sector companies for exporting rice and wheat etc. in accordance with the conditions laid down by Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered the above request;

(c) if so, the time by which theGovernment are likely to make announcement of its decision in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c) & (d) : The Government has decided to export 20 lakh MTs of wheat upto31 March 2001from the surplus stocks available with it through STC/MMTC/PEC/NCCF/ and NAFED.Wheat is being made available by FCI to these agencies for export at a price not lower than the CIP for BPL category i.e. Rs.4150/- PMT.The Government has also permitted FCI to export 20 lakh MTs for rice through Open tenders.